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PASS TO LABOR FOR JOHN DUNLOP

PASS TO COMMERCE FOR UNDER SECRETARY BAKER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO AORG

1. I HAVE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM BLANCHARD ASKING THAT I SPEND SOME TIME WITH ILO OFFICE IN COURSE OF MY TRAVELS. I REMAIN DISPOSED TO HOLD OFF BLANCHARD AND HIS MINIONS UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTIONS WITH ALLIES. DOES DEPARTMENT AGREE?

2. EMBASSY BONN VERY HELPFUL. AMBASSADOR JOINED ME FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND HE, DCM, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND LABOR ATTACHE ALL WILLING TO FOLLOW THROUGH. I ASKED LABATT BAKER TO DIG TODAY AND SEE IF HE COULD FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EC NINE DISCUSSIONS, THE PARTICULARS OF WHICH I DID NOT GET FROM GENSCHEER AND ARENDT.

3. MY VIEW IS EMBASSIES IN EACH OF THE CAPITALS I VISIT SHOULD BE INFORMED IN DETAIL OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. I WILL KEEP THEM ADVISED AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT POSITIONS TAKEN IN WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE NEXT WEEK BE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL TO THOSE EMBASSIES AFTER MY VISIT.

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4. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ON STRUCTURE QUESTION? I AM NOT CLEAR IN MY OWN MIND WHAT OUR POSITION IS OR SHOULD BE WITH RESPECT TO EXPANSION OF THE TEN NATIONS OF CHIEF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE, PARTLY BECAUSE I AM NOT CLEAR AS TO THE OPERATIONAL FORMULA AND DON'T KNOW WHO WOULD BE ADDED. OBVIOUSLY OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO MAINTAIN PRESENT IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE BUT I RECALL THAT CANADIANS AND ITALIANS ARE SHAKY.

5. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GENSCHER AND ARENDT I INDICATED WE WERE OPPOSED TO STRUCTURAL CHANGES GENERALLY. SILBERMAN

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